



MEDIA RELEASE

Graffiti Vandal Arrested

SANTA BARBARA, CA – June 18, 2013

Cheyne Aaron Watkins, age 23, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for felony vandalism and misdemeanor resisting or delaying an officer. Watkins is currently on probation for vandalism.

On June 15, 2013, at 2:36 a.m., Santa Barbara Police Department Officers Scott Klacking and Michael Chung were on patrol driving northbound on the 500 block of Chapala Street when their attention was drawn to a citizen pointing in the direction of 00 W. Cota Street. Upon turning the corner the officers saw Watkins near the southeast corner of the intersection spray painting graffiti to a green tarp covered fence. When contacted Watkins fled, discarding his spray paint can as he ran. Watkins was captured after an approximately 100-yard foot pursuit. Investigation revealed that Watkins had defaced approximately 324 square feet of private property fencing.

Watkins was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$20,000.00. Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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